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US Highway 85 south of Watford City temporarily closed during nighttime hours for repair

On Monday, April 2, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) will temporarily close US Hwy 85, about 14 miles south of Watford City (at the Long X Bridge) to **all** traffic during the nighttime hours of **7 p.m. to 7 a.m.** Central Time (CT). The temporary closure will allow crews to complete the first phase of repair on the structure, which was damaged by an over-height load which impacted the bridge. Traffic will be allowed during the daytime hours from **7 a.m. until 7 p.m.** CT. Motorists should be advised that only legal load limits are allowed on the roadway. The closure is expected to last approximately two weeks at which time traffic will return to normal. The final stage of repair will be completed later this year.

During the daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT

- One lane one-way traffic controlled by signals
- A width restriction of 15 feet is in place
- 105,500 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight, No overweight permits allowed

During the nighttime closure of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. CT

- Trucks will need to take an alternative route and are reminded that some alternate routes may be restricted on overweight loads. ND 22 currently has a 6-ton load restriction in place
- Long distant truck permits will be routed to US Highway 83 and US Hwy 2
- Cars and light trucks can take the following signed detour during the nighttime hours:
 - Southbound traffic take ND 23 east of Watford City to ND 73, then south on ND 22 to ND 200 then west to US 85
 - Northbound traffic take ND 200 south of Grassy Butte east to ND 22, then north on ND 22 to ND 73, then west to ND 23, then west to US 85

Motorists are encouraged to use caution in the area by reducing speeds and obeying flaggers and posted signs. For information on load restrictions and road closures, please go to www.dot.nd.gov.